



Members Present

Everett L. Barnett	Nati C. Munoz
Gilbert Blancas	Mary S. Newton
Angie M. Garcia	Sofia C. Ordonez
Stefania Garza	Irma Chavez-Rodriguez
Armida H. Hernandez	Patricia Williams

Members Absent

Anne Langenfeld
Roger McCarty

Staff

Elisa Chaides
Sandra Serrano

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order @ 10:00 a.m.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved.

Announcements/comments

Sandra introduced new staff person Elisa Chaides.

Unfinished business

Staff shared information from the National Service Conference, still not clear if re-competition of the RSVP grant will be done again at the end of the current 3 year grant. Elisa making great strive in moving forward with the new grant and the new focus areas, she has already reached out to YISD for partnership to meet the mentoring and tutoring goals of the grant. The program has also received a few referrals for diabetes awareness from the online Volunteer Match program.

New business

Station and volunteer evaluations will be available on line this year on Survey Monkey to try and promote volunteers to submit their evaluations and save a stamp. The Survey Monkey program allows staff to view comments and input also has the capability to run reports and graphs.

Staff informed council that holding the banquet at the Camino Real Hotel was being considered but after a visit of the hotel, staff was very disappointed. The hotel seemed very run down; the carpet was badly stained and lifted. Parking was also an issue and the end time of the banquet didn't seem to work with the venue, they kept asking if our banquet could end earlier. Stefania suggested Sunland Park Casino, she stated that the food is very reasonably priced and very good and there is plenty of parking. Norma would be asking the Purchasing Department of the City to void current P.O. to the Camino Real Hotel so we can try and return to the Convention Center. Staff feels comfortable working with the Convention Center since they are familiar with our set up and what we need.

Staff shared with council that the only issue with going back to the Convention Center is that the only date available would be October 31st. Staff asked council how they felt about having the banquet on Halloween day. Council didn't feel like it would be an issue and they liked the idea of a masquerade theme, something that would be nice and different. They even suggested having magicians doing magic in the foyer instead of the mariachis. Mrs. Garza also suggested having people dress up like Marilyn Monroe or Elvis for volunteers to take pictures with. Mrs. Garcia brought up the idea of a picture booth with all the accessories; she would contact them and see if they could work out a price for a non-profit.

Suggestions for the good of the council

Mrs. Hernandez shared with council that the Assistance League is getting a new parking lot. She also spoke about the Assisteens and the wonderful work they are doing with La Posada.

Adjourned

10:37am

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